

## WHERE ABBEY'S FIRM MADE CHIEF LOSSES.

Grand Opera and Bernhardt Were Unprofitable in Many Cities.

Lillian Russell's Productions Cost \$20,000 Each to Stage and Did Not Pay.

MR. ABBEY IS ABLE TO BE OUT.

"Aunt Louisa" Eldridge Ridicules the Story That Extravagance of the Impresario's Wife Had Anything to Do with the Smash.

"I cannot say a word about the state of the financial affairs of our firm at present," said Mr. Henry B. Abbey yesterday, "not even I speak of our plans for the future just yet. I do not know what will be the value of the assets scheduled, and I do not care to say anything just yet for publication regarding the sources from which we have received offers of financial assistance or support for the future."

"You must remember," continued Mr. Abbey, "that I am not out of bed after a severe illness and have not yet had time to look into the condition of affairs. I will make a statement of our position and our expectations as soon as possible—possibly on Tuesday or Wednesday."

Mr. Abbey has certainly been very ill—dangerously ill—at the Gilsey House for several weeks past. He looked it as he leaned against a table in the committee room of the Theatre Club. He was out in his carriage for an hour or so on Saturday, but yesterday was his first outing of consequence for more than a fortnight.

"To Mr. Abbey's illness more than any other direct cause is due the assignment of the firm of Abbey, Schoeffel & Grau," said a gentleman who is a close friend of all three members of the firm. "Had Mr. Abbey been able to get out and devote his personal attention to the business, this crisis could have been bridged over more easily than the one through which the old firm of Abbey & Schoeffel passed several years ago. The credit of the firm and of its individuals is gilded. But Mr. Abbey was too sick to attend to business. Mr. Schoeffel was away in the West with Mme. Bernhardt and Mr. Grau had more than he could do closing up the seasons of the firm's European attractions. So when—through bad luck, not bad management—there came a crisis, there was no one to meet it with the instant action necessary, and the assignment was inevitable."

JUST WHERE THE MONEY WAS LOST.

"Bad business, of course," continued this gentleman, "is the primary cause of the failure of Abbey, Schoeffel & Grau. The grand opera in New York and in Chicago made big profits for the firm this season—bigger, perhaps, than during any previous season. But in Baltimore, Washington, Buffalo, Detroit and St. Louis the engagements were not profitable, and in Boston and Philadelphia they were not as good as in former years. Still the whole opera season showed good profit, and so did the tour of Henry Irving and Ellen Terry."

"The Lillian Russell Opera Company and the Bernhardt tour, outside of the two New York engagements that she played, were both unprofitable—particularly the former. Since the blonde diva of the comic opera went under the Abbey management, she has been 'starred' no less than seven great productions. They include 'The Queen of Hearts,' 'The Princess Nicotine,' 'The Grand Duchess,' 'La Perichole,' 'The Tragic,' 'The Goddess of Truth' and 'Le Petit Duc.' The average cost of these productions was over \$20,000, and in every one Miss Russell was surrounded by a most expensive company, since her contract allowed her the option of rejecting any artist not persona grata or not of artistic calibre to please the prima-donna. Of all these operas not one was a financial winner."

MR. ABBEY NOT EXTRAORDINARY.

The recent separation of Mr. Henry B. Abbey from his wife, who was Miss Florence Gerard, formerly a well-known actress, being followed so soon by the failure of the firm of which he was the head, gave currency to all sorts of stories among the gossip of upper Broadway. Mrs. Abbey was recently defendant in a suit brought by Kate Reilly, of London, who manufactures more or less poetical costumes and toilettes. Mme. Reilly sued for \$2,500, which she said was due her for toilettes furnished Mrs. Abbey. This incident, in the hands of the gossips, was magnified into an assertion that Mrs. Abbey's extravagance had ruined her husband and occasioned the separation. "There isn't a word of truth in that yarn," said "Aunt Louisa" Eldridge, who has long been an intimate friend of both the Abbys. "Kate Reilly sued on an account which she claims Mrs. Abbey contracted before her marriage. I know Mr. Abbey and Mrs. Abbey as well as anybody, and I know that Mrs. Abbey never was extravagant for a woman in her position. I don't know whether a reconciliation between the two is a likelihood or not. I'm sure I hope so, for they are two charming people. When Mr. Abbey was so very ill last Sunday Mrs. Abbey went down to the Gilsey House to see him—that I do know—and she did see and spoke to him. I'm certain that Mr. Abbey never settled any property on his wife. I don't think they owe any real estate. I was with Mrs. Abbey up to 11 o'clock last night, and she felt terribly over her husband's failure. Whether she will be obliged to return to the stage or not I do not know, and I don't think she has decided."

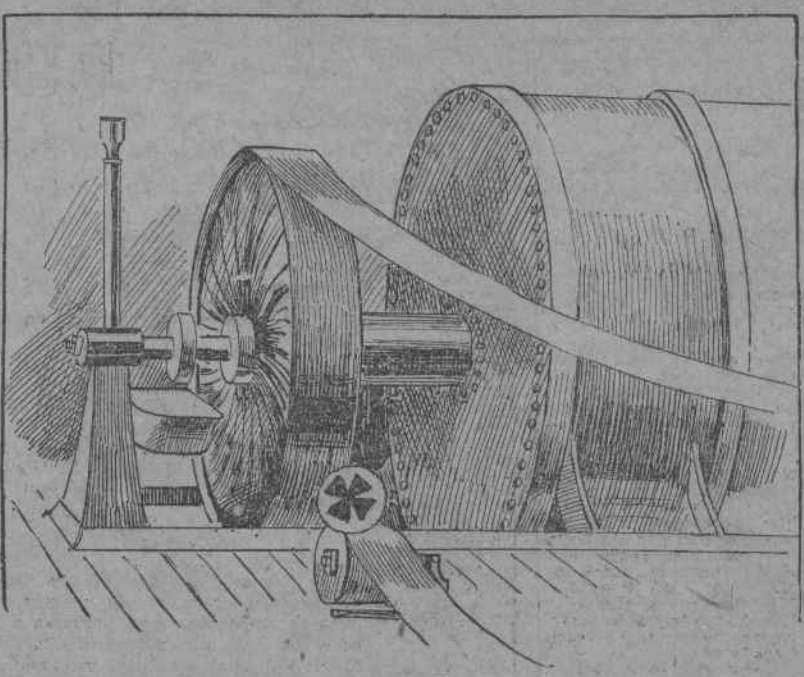
"Miss Kitty, Mr. Abbey's daughter by a former marriage," continued Mrs. Eldridge, "was with her step-mother, to whom she is devoted, for some time after the separation. At present, however, she is staying with mutual friends of Mr. and Mrs. Abbey—Mr. and Mrs. William R. Hayden—at their place in the Highlands."

SUDDEN DEATH FOR TWO.

John Kreisel Expires in a Store and Louis De Lina Has Heart Trouble.

John Kreisel, twenty-seven years old, a tailor living at No. 1349 First avenue, died suddenly at 10:45, a. m. yesterday in the store of Joseph Weissel, No. 326 East Seventy-third street. Death was due to natural causes.

Louis De Lina, a musician and composer, last night started to go to Norwalk, N. Y., with his wife, from their home, No. 618 East One Hundred and Fifty-second street. While on an elevated railroad train Mr. De Lina was suddenly taken with heart trouble and was taken to Bellevue Hospital. He died just after he had been lifted from an ambulance.



Revolving Wheel Stopped by Man's Legs.

## CANNOT AWAKEN THESE TWO SLEEPERS.

Mrs. Rosenfeld Has Slumbered Nearly Two Weeks, Pront Over a Month.

The Former's Face Changes Color Strangely and the Latter Takes His First Good Meal.

BOTH DEFY SKILL OF THE DOCTORS.

Mixture of Milk and Eggs Forced Into Pront's Stomach, but He Sleeps Peacefully During the Operation—He May Never Awake.

Up to a late hour last night Mrs. Monroe H. Rosenfeld, of Jay street, Brooklyn, has shown no signs of awakening from her long and strange lethargic sleep, the first record of which appeared in the Journal yesterday. She has now been unconscious for eleven days, lying perfectly still and flat on her back, with her head turned to the right. Thus far four physicians have at different times examined her, without being able to suggest any remedy.

When Dr. Henry Noss called to see her yesterday a most remarkable change was discovered in her face, which in the morning was very pale and white. It changed at noon to a yellowish cast, and in the evening a deep flush appeared. By no movement, start or exclamation yesterday did she indicate that she was conscious.

Twelve days ago an intimate friend, Mrs. Baron, called to see her. While sitting on the edge of the bed Mrs. Rosenfeld suddenly looked at her and cried "Oh, Mame!" and immediately lost consciousness. She soon recovered, but fell into the unconscious state again the next morning. All efforts to revive her failed. The physicians diagnosed her case yesterday as hysterical-lethargy, and say she will recover. For the first time in a month Morris Pront, the boy sleeper, had food in his stomach yesterday at Beth Israel Hospital, where he lies. It was the thirty-first day of his slumber and Dr. Halpern considered he needed a meal. A gag was forced into his mouth to open it. Pront did not wake. A tube was then forced down the boy's throat. A mixture of milk and eggs was then poured down the tube. Through all this Pront slept. He wheezed once or twice, but the movement seemed involuntary. During the day several attempts were made to wake the slumberer by "suggestion," as the doctors call the method. One of the attendants slapped the boy's arm with a wet towel, and the Doctor, watching in hand, said loudly: "Ah, he wakes! he is waking!" In a minute he will get up for breakfast. But the minute passed and Pront still slept. Dr. Halpern said the boy may become exhausted, and never wake. The brain had apparently lost the power to command the nerves.

RECORD OF THE TROLLEY

Two Men, a Wagon and a Cow Damaged in the Streets of Brooklyn Yesterday.

The trolley railroads of Brooklyn did not kill anybody yesterday, but they managed to do the usual amount of harm.

A Nassau line car, run into a wagon owned and driven by Morris Fecht, of No. 42 Lot street, damaging the wagon badly.

Car No. 321 of the same line ran down a cow belonging to James Monahan, of Robinson street, in the Twenty-ninth Ward. The animal was hurt so badly that it had to be shot.

Flatbush avenue car No. 2880 collided with Nassau line car No. 485 on East Broadway. Both cars were badly damaged. Herman Benterish, thirty-two years old, of No. 241 East Fifth street, New York, a passenger on car No. 111, of the Nassau line, was hit by a truck which ran against the car on Broadway avenue. His groin was injured and he also sustained serious internal injuries. Benterish was removed to St. Mary's Hospital.

Jesse L. Tanager, seventy years old, of No. 308 Bridge street, was run down by mail car No. 6 of the Brooklyn Heights Company Saturday. His left leg was broken in two places.

DON'T WANT TO TRY RECH.

Alleged Wife Murderer's Counsel Will Seek Another Postponement.

May's Landing, N. J., May 24.—A special session of the Atlantic County Supreme Court will convene here to-morrow to try John Rech, who is charged with the murder of Beattie Weaver Rech, his wife, at Estellville in March last. Since Attorney Scovel, of Camden, who was retained by Rech to defend him, dropped out of the case, Lawyer Stephany has had numerous conferences with the prisoner. Both Lawyers Endicott and Stephany, whom the Court appointed, are much opposed to going to trial to-morrow morning and will exhaust all efforts to obtain another postponement.

Prosecutor Perry is all ready and will insist on the trial proceeding. Rech is in good spirits, but is extremely anxious to have the trial go over till the Fall. In the event of a postponement, Antonio Vallarino, the Italian indicted for the murder of Charles Rollet, at Hampton, last Fall, will immediately be put on trial, but the Prosecutor will move the Rech case first.

BOUND BY A PIE DEMON.

Fettered with the Shackles of the Mince Variety, Bill Drifted on to an Insane Asylum.

For more than a year Archibald H. Bill, of Ellenville, N. Y., has been confined in the Middletown Asylum as an insane person. Recently it has been learned that Bill is not insane, and the only reason for his confinement was because of his queer actions while under the influence of mince pie.

Bill was fairly well known in New York, according to several Park row, "Beet and 'd' proprietors, and his fondness for mince pie undoubtedly led to his downfall. He inherited a fortune from his family and started sending out men to peddle sewing machines, lightning rods and other articles believed to be necessary to the happiness of the average farmer. He also studied for the ministry, but the mince pie habit was strong upon him, and, one dark and stormy night, the appetite overpowered him and he robbed the pantry of the college. For this he was expelled, and he turned his attention to the Salvation Army. His career in the Army was short, but eventful.

He fed tramps and was looked upon by the weary travellers of stage routes as a party about to grow wings. Then the pie appetite became again too strong to resist, and with a piece of his favorite pie in one hand and a pen in the other he forged a note for \$1,000. For this he was indicted, and a commission, believing he was insane, sent him to an asylum. While in the asylum the pie habit clung to him, and he became reckless. On the slightest provocation he would yell for pie. Later, however, he has, to a certain extent, overcome his weakness, and his friends declare he is sane.

The Park row restaurant keepers, who remember Bill as the prize pie fiend, declare that had he confined himself to the New York article and shunned the New England brand he would have been all right.

RAID ON A FAN TAN GAME.

Four Chinese Captured by the Police in a Doyers Street Den.

Patient players at No. 3 Doyers street were raided by the police of the Elizabeth Street Station yesterday afternoon. Four men were made prisoners.

Acting Captain Young sent part of his squad of men to guard the rear of the house, which has an exit from the cellar. With keys Young gained entrance to an inner room. It was empty. He tried to open a trap door, but failed. Under that door the players were seated, but they quickly scattered, and all of them escaped except the four who were caught by the policemen outside as they emerged.

The trap door, which has a double bolt, was smashed. Entering the police found a lot of fan tan paraphernalia, consisting of a dealer's wand, a cup and a great quantity of buttons or chips, all of which were seized. No money was found.

The game was a big one, and was known to every Chinaman in the city. The raid created much excitement.

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## MAN'S LEG STOPS BIG REVOLVING WHEEL.

Marvellous Escape from Death of an Engineer at the Equitable Gas Works.

His Foot Catches in a Belt and His Body Is Squeezed into a Pan Two Feet Square.

LIKE A WEDGE OF HUMAN FLESH.

Stopping of the Wheel Gives Notice of the Accident and Brings an Assistant to His Aid—Injured Man Will Recover.

Lying in Bellevue Hospital is a man swathed in bandages who had a most marvellous escape from horrible death early yesterday morning. He is William Slattery, of No. 202 West Sixty-sixth street, an engineer, employed by the Equitable Gas Company in their works at Fifty-seventh street and Eleventh avenue.

For fourteen years Slattery has been employed by the gas company, and for nine years has been one of the engineers employed in the large engine room. Among the many things Slattery had to do was to watch the operations of a large fly-wheel connected with a twenty-horse power engine. A large belt, twelve inches wide, stretched as taut as it is possible to tighten a belt, ran from the large fly-wheel to the little wheel on the engine, a distance of about forty feet.

The engine is operated under a sixty-pound pressure and is always run at a good rate of speed.

The large fly-wheel is set very close to the large steel steam receiver, with just enough pass in order to oil the rapidly revolving machinery. Beneath the large fly-wheel is a sheetiron pan to catch the dripping oil. This pan is not more than two feet square.

At 4 a. m. yesterday Slattery picked his way carefully between the large fly-wheel and the steam receiver. He stepped on the oil pan in order to reach an oilcup which he could not otherwise get at. He had safely done this many times a night for nine years, but on this occasion his foot slipped and he was caught in the belt.

He threw his body to one side with an involuntary movement, which undoubtedly saved his life, but his left leg still rested on a wide belt and he was carried round at a rapid rate. It was only a second before his leg was crushed between the belt and rim of the fly wheel, but so narrow is the space and so tight was the belt stretched that the engine stopped with a crash.

Slattery's fellow-workmen ran to his assistance and found him tightly squeezed in the oil pan, which had been twisted out of shape by the man's body.

He was conscious when released, and after his wounds were dressed at Roosevelt Hospital to permit of his removal he was transferred to Bellevue Hospital. He will recover, but his leg may have to be amputated and he may be injured more seriously than is now known.

Slattery is the only son and was the sole support of his aged father and mother. He is thirty-two years of age and single.

CALLS ELIOT A CROAKER.

Grand Army Commander-in-Chief Replies to the Attack of Harvard's President.

Boston, May 24.—President Eliot's attack on the G. A. R. has excited widespread interest, and many answers have been received here in the form of newspaper correspondence. Some of these are given here:

I. N. Walker, commander-in-chief of the G. A. R., says from Indianapolis:

"Croakers like Eliot may refuse now to do justice to our organization, but the time will come when not only a grateful people, but every lover of liberty, the whole earth round, will stand unmoved when they contemplate the value of its services to the cause of liberty and justice. Its deeds will live when the memory of such men will be buried in oblivion."

Major-General O. O. Howard says: "Grand Army men in action and sentiment are better exponents of patriotism than those who pronounce the defence of the life and honor of the country 'dogmatism.' It is common now to condemn the politicians and criticize Congress, but it is a new thing to accuse them of being afraid of crippled and aged veterans. We wish only to provide honestly for the old, maimed and helpless who freely offered their country their lives in the time of the country's peril. Doubtless Congressmen are afraid to withhold from them this measure of justice."

General A. W. Greely, chief signal officer, U. S. A., says: "Workmen would not be judged by agitators, Christians by hypocrites, or the people by demagogues. Neither should the Grand Army, a body patriotic by sound, be judged by bummer and camp followers."

DIED IN A DOCTOR'S OFFICE.

Young Woman Patient Went to Sleep and Did Not Awake.

New Haven, May 24.—Miss Ada, Bishop died last night under circumstances which puzzled the physicians who attended her.

At noon on Friday she complained of headache. She soon after went to Dr. Clarence B. Skinner's office. The doctor was out, and the girl was alone in the room. At 2 p. m. a woman entered, and Miss Bishop was asleep. She spoke once, and then lapsed into insensibility, in which condition she remained. Drs. Gilbert and De Forrest were called. They applied the stomach pump, and did everything possible to restore the patient, but their efforts were futile.

Her parents live in State street, but she was too ill to be removed from Dr. Skinner's office.

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ner's rooms. At a late hour last night her condition became critical, and she died at midnight.

Medical Examiner White made an autopsy to-night. He found the liver and kidneys in a bad condition, and gives the opinion that this caused her death and the doubtless induced the prolonged sleep of thirty-four hours.

Minnesota Republicans Want Gold. St. Paul, May 24.—The Republican Convention of the Fifth Congressional District of Minnesota yesterday renominated Loren Fletcher for Congress. The resolutions reaffirmed the principles of "protection, prosperity and sound money," and pledged loyalty to the platform to be adopted at St. Louis.

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